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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
MARCH 22, 2026



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
MARCH 22, 2026



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “O Mensch, bewein’ dein’ Sünde groß” by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God’s delays flow from perfect love that weeps with us and brings life from death.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

United Church Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus delayed two days before going to Lazarus, yet his timing was perfect.

People: We come trusting God’s timing, even when we don’t understand.

Leader: Jesus wept with Mary and Martha in their grief.

People: We come knowing God enters into our pain and sorrow.

Leader: Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb and death surrendered to life.

All: We come to worship the one who has power over death and loves us with outrageous love.

***HYMN #618:** “Give to the Winds Your Fears”

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come to you this morning struggling with your delays and wrestling with your timing. Help us to see that your love for us is so deep that you weep with us in our pain, and your power is so great that you can bring life even from death. As we worship together, we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying ... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130 (page 614) {A.B. page 689}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “What Wondrous Love is This” arr. Joel Raney
Piano Duet (Joy Van Riper and June Pettit)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “We Shall Walk Through the Valley” by Lee Dengler (words on insert)
United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:6-11 (page 1118) {A.B. page 1246}

Sermon
“When God Delays”
(John 11:1-45)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #530:** “Be Still, My Soul”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Improvisation on “Diademata”

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN:** “Through It All/In His Time” (see music on insert)

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING (11:00)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir” by Johann Sebastian Bach

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

Financial update

As stated at the annual meeting, we had to take \$23,997.80 out of savings to continue our 2025 programs, and the pledges we've received so far for 2026 are less than the donations received in 2025. None of the Boyce memorial funding is available for operating expenses. We are asking that you **prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2026 (or making one if you haven't already done so)**. You can do this by completing a pledge form available in the Welcome Center and writing "revised" at the top and returning it to the office or dropping it in the offering plate. Our staff have done an amazing job of holding costs down as much as possible, but we need your help to be able to sustain these programs. Thank you!

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" -- Malachi 3:10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Martha Ashley, Laurie Guyette (friend of the Simpsons), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

Missionaries: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti - the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).

Highlights for This Week

- **March 29 - Palm Sunday** - we will offer these **Sunday school classes:**

Adults

- **Choir Group** - Room 26 (2nd floor), ends by 10:25am
- **Bible Study - James** - Downstairs Dining Hall

Kids

- **Preschool** - Room 29
- **Elementary** - Room 25
- **Middle and High School** - Teen Room

- **TODAY is the deadline for Lily orders!** See the order form inside.
- Are you interested in helping with **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday?** For many years, children/teens from our church have invited a school teacher to attend church with them on a Sunday. We have flowers for the teachers during the service and a cookie and punch reception for them after the service. **We are looking for a few people to organize this event**, which is scheduled to happen on **April 19th** during and after the **11am service**. Please let Deb M know if you are interested in helping.
- It's time to **register** for **Rainforest Falls VBS!** All children, ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade (Fall 2026) are welcome to participate. Our VBS is scheduled for **July 13-17, 9am-12pm**. We hope you can join us! Feel free to invite friends! You can use the QR code to register.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for March: Margie W.** Please contact Margie if you need help signing up.



Are You Visiting Us Today?

If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. **Children** aged **Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service. (**Please note:** Kids in *6th grade and up* are asked to *remain in the service* with their families. Thank you!)

Nursery Care

Nursery care is **offered** during the **late service**. Parents may choose to take their child to the nursery at any time during the service. *All adult volunteers in the nursery are background checked.*

Getting Involved

Are you interested in **Children's Ministry**, but not able to make a regular commitment? Great news! **We are in need of subs** for many areas of Children's Ministry. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Deb Marshall.



It's Campership Season!

Our church believes deeply in the impact of Christian summer camp, so we offer **camperships** to help make it possible for every child to attend. A campership is **available to any child** who participates in Sunday mornings, Youth Club, or The Cause. It covers:

- **Half the cost** of one week of any Christian day or overnight camp
- **Up to the full cost**, if there is financial need

If you'd like to use a campership:

1. Register your child for the Christian camp.
2. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
3. Email proof of registration to me at deb.marshall@uccdga.org.

I'll take care of the rest! **The deadline for campership requests is May 20.**



Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers for my son, Charlie Cox. Thanks to your prayers he has made a full recovery and should be able to return to work soon.

Regina Allen



Missions Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...

2026 Mexico Mission Trip

March 19th-28th

The United Church participants **SheaLeigh B., Mary and Ben H., Lori and Ray Mc., and Linda W.** flew to Cancún on Thursday to connect with the rest of our team of Marion N., Paul S., and Eigner J. before driving south to Bacalar, in Quintana Roo, Mexico. At the core of our work is supporting covenant relationships with in country "operating partners" at three **Living Waters for the World (LWW) purified water plants in Cedralito, Limones, and Tabi.** Projects include installing a generator in Cedralito, providing health & spiritual education materials in Limones, and introducing new technology in Tabi. But **the heart of our work began at Iglesia Emmanuel, the beloved church in Bacalar,** where our United Church enjoyed a faithful partnership in past years. We were hosted with a welcome dinner on Friday, joined them on Saturday with activities in their mission community of San Fernando, and are engaging with the congregation today on Sunday for Sunday school and worship. Will you please keep us, and those we serve, in your thoughts and prayers throughout our ten day mission? As Paul reflects in Philippians 1:3-5 ...

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3

Our mission trip team is excited to share the United Church's love for others with the western North Carolina community as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene. We are leaving this coming week and arriving in Black Mountain on Saturday, March 28. We are once again working with Valley Hope Foundation (valleyhopefoundation.org). Trip participants are **Louise and Kerry V., Deb and Bruce G., Kristy and Amelia A., Grace P., Anna Z., Mark S., and Sonya B.**

We would like everyone to be praying for the group and the people we will be helping! Prayer bookmarks are available on the Welcome Desk.

(photo from the 2025 trip)





POP-UP PANTRY

Foodlink's "Pop-Up Food Pantry" will appreciate volunteers for this month's food distribution on **Monday, March 23rd** from **9:00am-11:00am** at the **Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5& 20**. United Church volunteers partner with Ontario Cares and others in the community to gratefully distribute food to those in need.

Food Cart & Card Ministry

The collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) and the Salvation Army food pantry. **Especially needed by CCIA: pasta sauce, tuna, cereal - not always available through FoodLink.** Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.



Silent Auction: Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, June 14, 2026 To Benefit Mission Trips



Do you like bargains? Do you enjoy auctions? If so, the Mission Committee's Silent Auction is for you. The funds raised for our Trip Fund will assist our Youth and Adults as they go out into the mission field. We need **donors** of items such as: home crafted items, store bought items, gift baskets, pledges of your time or talents to help someone (such as 1 or 2 hours of gardening or babysitting time), antiques, a boat ride on Canandaigua Lake, a home cooked meal for a group of people, a cottage rental, etc.



Donation forms and collection box will be in the Welcome Center beginning March 29th. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Abdallah at nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585-749-4313.

LILY ORDERS



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Lilies (at \$15 each)

They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

5. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your check made payable to "The United Church". List in the memo section "Easter Lily". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

Please pick up your lily after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

We Shall Walk Through the Valley (11:00 service)

by Pamela Martin and Lee Dengler

In the valley, there is sorrow.
In the valley, there is woe.
In the valley, there are trials
To be carried as we go.
In the valley, there is danger,
But take heart and walk in peace,
For the One who overcomes is in
The valley and He leads.

In the valley, there is sickness.
In the valley, there is pain.
In the valley, death befriends us.
If we flee, we flee in vain.
In the valley, there is suffering,
But take heart and walk in peace,
For the One who overcomes is in
The valley and He leads.

We shall walk through the valley in peace. (X2)
For if Jesus Himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

(There is sorrow in the valley,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
(but take heart and walk)
In peace.
Walk in peace, walk in peace.

Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on **April 2nd at 7 pm** as we explore the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross.

Through It All / In His Time

Words and Music by
Andraé Crouch

Words and Music by
Diane Ball

16 Through it all, through it all. I've learned to trust in Je - sus, I've
F Dm7 C7 F F7 Bb Gm G7 C Dm/C
23 learned to trust in God; Through it all, through it all. I've learned to de -
C7 F Bb/F F
30 pend up - on His word.

1. In His time, (in His time,) in His time; (in His time,) He makes
2. In Your time, (in Your time,) in Your time; (in Your time,) You make

5 Gm Gm(maj7) Gm7 Gm6/C F C7/G F/A Eb/F F7
all things beau - ti - ful in His time. (in His time.) Lord, please
all things beau - ti - ful in Your time. (in Your time.) Lord, my

9 Bb C Am/C C/Bb Am7 Dm7 C/D Dm7
show me ev - 'ry day as You're teach - ing me Your way, that You
life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing be to

13 Gm7 C9 Bb/C C7 F Bb/F F
do just what You say in Your time. (in Your time.)
You a love - ly thing in Your time. (in Your time.)

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